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SUBJECT: QUESTIONNAIRE PERTAINING TO THE UN'S THIRD POPULATION INQUIRY AMONG GOVERNMENTS: POPULATION POLICIES IN THE CONTEXT OF DEVELOPMENT IN 1976

1. QUOTE BELOW AS PARAGRAPH 3 OF THIS TELEGRAM IS THE TEXT OF A THIRD PARTY NOTE FROM THE SECRETARY GENERAL DATED JANUARY 15 ON THE SUBJECT OF THE UN'S THIRD POPULATION INQUIRY.

2. FYI, USUN IS TODAY POUCHING THE THIRTY-THREE PAGE SUBJECT QUESTIONNAIRE TO AMBASSADOR GREEN, THE DEPARTMENT'S COORDINATOR OF POPULATION AFFAIRS.

3. QUOTE
THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS PRESENTS HIS COMPLIMENTS TO THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE UNITED NATIONS AND HAS THE HONOUR TO REFER TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 3344 (XXIX) OF 17 DECEMBER 1974 AND TO RESOLUTIONS AND DECISIONS OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL AT ITS FIFTY-EIGHT SESSION REGARDING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RESOLUTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE WORLD POPULATION CONFERENCE HELD IN BUCHAREST IN AUGUST 1974.

THE SECRETARY-GENERAL DRAWS PARTICULAR ATTENTION TO DECISION 87 (LVIII) OF THE COUNCIL DEALING WITH ARRANGEMENTS FOR
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IMPLEMENTATION OF THE WORLD POPULATION PLAN OF ACTION. THIS

DECISION REQUESTED THE POPULATION COMMISSION "TO EXAMINE ON A BIENNIAL

BASIS THE RESULTS OF THE CONTINUOUS PROCESS OF MONITORING THE WORLD PLPULATION PLAN OF ACTION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARAGRAPH 107 OF THE PLAN OF ACTION, AND TO BRING ITS FINDINGS TO THE ATTENTION OF THE COUNCIL". THE SAME DECISION PROVIDED THAT THE POPULATION COMMISSION'S EXAMINATION SHOULD PAY "SPECIAL ATTENTION TO POPULATION TRENDS AND POLICIES AND SHOULD INVOLVE ALL RELEVANT SOURCES AT THE NATIONAL, REGIONAL, INTERAGENCY AND GLOBAL LEVELS."

IT MAY BE RECALLED THAT THE SECRETARY-GENERAL HAS ON TWO OCCASIONS CONDUCTED INQUIRIES AMONG GOVERNMENTS ON POPULATION: ONE IN 1963 IN RESPONSE TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 1838 (XVII) AND

THE OTHER IN 1972-73 IN RESPONSE TO ECOSOC RESOLUTION 1486 (XLVIII), AND THAT ECOSOC RESOLUTION 1048 (XXXVII) HAD REQUESTED THE SECRETARY-GENERAL "TO UNDERTAKE IN THE FUTURE, AT APPROPRIATE INTERVALS, SIMILAR INQUIRIES ON PROBLEMS RESULTING FROM THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND POPULATION CHANGES."

ACCORDINGLY, THE SECRETARY-GENERAL HAS FORUMLATED A QUESTIONNAIRE TO GOVERNMENTS ENTITLED "THIRD POPULATION INQUIRY AMONG GOVERNMENTS: POPULATION POLICIES IN THE CONTEXT OF DEVELOPMENT IN 1976." COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS OF THE GOVERNMENTS' REPLIES TO THE QUESTIONNAIRE WILL, TOGETHER WITH AN ANALYSIS OF POPULATION TRENDS TO BE CONDUCTED BY THE SECRETARIAT AS A PARALLEL ACTIVITY, PROVIDE THE BASIS FOR THE REPORT TO BE PRESENTED TO ECOSOC, THROUGH THE POPULATION COMMISSION, IN THE SPRING OF 1977 ON MONITORING OF POPULATION TRENDS AND POLICIES.

THE ATTACHED QUESTIONNAIRE IS ACCOMPANIED BY EXPLANATORY NOTES. THE SECRETARY-GENERAL ALSO TRANSMITS, FOR REFERENCE PURPOSES, A COPY OF THE PUBLICATION ENTITLED WORLD POPULATION CONFERENCE: ACTION TAKEN AT BUCHAREST WHICH CONTAINS THE WORLD POPULATION PLAN OF ACTION.

IN ORDER TO ALLOW TIME FOR ANALYSIS OF THE REPLIES AND COMPLETION OF THE REPORT FOR SUBMISSION BY OCTOBER 1976, HIS EXCELLENCY'S UNCLASSIFIED

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GOVERNMENT IS REQUESTED TO TRANSMIT ITS REPLY AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE AND PREFERABLY NOT LATER THAN 15 APRIL 1976.

THE SECRETARY-GENERAL WOULD BE GRATEFUL IF HIS EXCELLENCY'S GOVERNMENT WERE TO CONSIDER IT ANSWERS TO THE QUESTIONNAIRE AS EQUIVALENT IN IMPORTANCE TO ITS STATEMENTS AT THE BUCHAREST CONFERENCE.

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